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Donald H. Steckroth
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1946
Education: Seton Hall 1972 JD
Began Service: February 2, 2001

Legal Practice: Gibbons, Del Dio, Dolan, Griffinger & Vecchione
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Morris Stern
Bankruptcy Judge

Date of Birth: 1941
Education: Lafayette 1962 BS; Rutgers (Newark) 1965 LLB; NYU 1975 LLM
Began Service: December 27, 2001
Term Expires: December 26, 2015

Academic: Adjunct and Visiting Professor, School of Law - Newark,
Rutgers, The State University of New Jersey (1971-2001)

Legal Practice: Partner, Stern, Dubrow & Marcus, PC

Current Memberships: American Bar Association; Essex County Bar
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Term Expires: October 2020

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Bruce D. Black
Chief District Judge

Date of Birth: 1947
Education: Albion 1969 BA; Michigan 1971 JD
Began Service: January 18, 1996
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat

Judicial: Judge, New Mexico Court of Appeals (1991-1996)

Legal Practice: Associate, Modrall, Sperling, Roehl, Harris & Sisk, P.A.
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Current Memberships: The H. Vearle Payne American Inn of Court, The
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Martha A. Vázquez
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1953
Education: Notre Dame 1975 BA, 1979 JD
Began Service: 1993
Appointed By: President William J. Clinton
Political Affiliation: Democrat



Current Memberships: American Bar Association; New Mexico Women's
Bar Association; State Bar of New Mexico; The U.S.-Mexico Law Institute

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M. Christina Armijo
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1951
Education: New Mexico 1972 BA, 1975 JD
Began Service: November 15, 2001
Appointed By: President George W. Bush
Political Affiliation: Republican



Judicial: Judge, New Mexico Court of Appeals (1996-2001)

Legal Practice: Staff Attorney, Sandoval County Legal Services
(1976-1978); Solo Practitioner (1978-1996)

Current Memberships: The Oliver Seth American Inn of Court, The
American Inns of Court; State Bar of New Mexico

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William P. Johnson
District Judge

Date of Birth: 1959
Education: Virginia Military Inst 1981 BA; Washington and Lee 1985 JD
Began Service: December 28, 2001
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Judicial: Judge, New Mexico Fifth Judicial District Court (1995-2001)

Legal Practice: Associate, Bracewell & Patterson, L.L.P. (1985-1986);
Associate, Hinkle, Hensley, Shanor & Martin, L.L.P. (1986-1989); Partner,
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Military Service: United States Army Reserve, United States Department of
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James O. Browning
District Judge

Education: Yale 1978 BA; Virginia 1981 JD
Began Service: August 6, 2003
Appointed By: President George W. Bush

Clerkships: Law Clerk, Circuit Judge Collins J. Seitz, United States Court of
Appeals for the Third Circuit (1981-1982); Law Clerk Lewis F. Powell, Jr.,
Supreme Court of the United States (1982-1983)

Government: Deputy Attorney General, Office of the Attorney General,
State of New Mexico (1987-1988)

Legal Practice: Associate, Rodey, Dickason, Sloan, Akin & Robb, P.A.
(1983-1987)

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Term Expires: September 2011
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Education: New Mexico 2010 JD
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